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Photo by Tiffany Joslin, Vicks Vittles

Gold Plate down, Hennessy to go

Juan Ortiz, a contractor who works for Vicks Vittles as a short order cook in the Thunderbird Inn Dining Facility, grills hamburgers. Mr. Ortiz and the rest of the staff at the Thunderbird Inn are preparing for a visit from the Air Force Hennessy Trophy evaluation team. The dining facility has already won Air Force Materiel Command's Gold Plate award. See Page 2 for a story.

Security forces NCO dies

BY JENNIFER E. WEST
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"It's a tremendous loss," said Col. Keith Harris, 377th Security Forces Squadron commander, learning of the death of Staff Sgt. Philip Wiskup on Jan. 31 following an illness.

Sergeant Wiskup served in the 377th Security Forces Squadron as the security manager and Personnel Responsibility Program manager the past two years.

"If anyone was close to being the indispensable person within the unit, it was Phil Wiskup," Colonel Harris added.

The 29-year-old Airman was a six-year Air Force member who served at Kirtland AFB his entire career. He had earned two Commendation Medals and three Achievement Medals.

"He took our unit's Personnel Reliability

Program from good to benchmark, and we're still reaping the benefits of his tremendous effort," Colonel Harris said. "I'm sure I speak for all who knew Phil that it was an honor to have served with him. We miss him terribly."

Sergeant Wiskup also served on the Emergency Services Team, the "SWAT" team of the Air Force. He had also served in the security forces flight before moving to duty in the squadron's armory.

Sergeant Wiskup leaves his wife, Lyra, and his parents, Joann of Albuquerque and Philip Wiskup of Buffalo, N.Y. He also leaves four pets, two dogs and two cats.

The Buffalo, N.Y., native was called an "avid mountain biker, hiker and camper," and he loved watching hockey and serving on the Emergency Services Team.



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